

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Newsletter 29 ~ 21st June 2018

Classes Next Year

Little Learners	Miss J Anderson
Nursery	Miss J Anderson
Reception	Mr W Wood
Class 1	Mr D Machin
Class 2	Mrs K Hay
Class 3	Mrs H Kirkwood
Class 4	Mrs H Bridger
Class 5	Miss K Potts
Class 6	Mr W Haynes

WW1 Festival of Food

On Saturday 23rd June 2018, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ferryhill Methodist Chapel will be hosting a FREE Festival of Food event to commemorate the final year of the Great War. This event gives everyone the chance to record details of their relatives in the WW1 Commemoration Book and enjoy an exhibition of Ferryhill and Chilton 1914-1918. Children's work will be on display and the winners of the Art and Poetry competition will be announced at 12:30pm.

11.00am - Official Opening of the event by Bugle Major Gary Suggett

11.05am - Opening of the Ferryhill and Chilton WW1 Commemoration Book

Running throughout the event:

- A chance to try popular recipes of the day
- Ferryhill and Chilton 1914 - 1918 Exhibition and Display with Film by Geoff Wall
- Proggy Mat demonstration by Laura from Ground Works North East

12.00pm - Performance by "The Poppies"

12.20pm - Performance by "The War Girls"

12.30pm - Announcing of the winners of the Children's Poetry and Art Competition

Ferryhill Town Youth

Ferryhill Town Youth are currently looking to recruit new football players, both boys and girls, for their under 7, 8 and 9 year old teams for the 18/19 season. They are a community focused club and welcome children of all abilities. They train on a Saturday morning at 10:00am at Dean Bank Recreation Ground.

Emergency Contact Details

It is **very important** that school has up to date contact numbers and addresses in case of an emergency. We have had several incidents where children have been ill or we have had concerns which have need to be acted upon and we have not been able to contact anyone.

Art Exhibition

The children's art work will be in school and available to buy until Friday 29th June 2018. If you wish to purchase your child's piece of art please see a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

Safeguarding

Please note parents are not permitted to enter school via the green doors from the yard due to safeguarding issues. If you need to speak to staff then they are available on the yard from 8.45am.

First Contact

If you have a concern about a child or young person who lives in County Durham, First Contact is the service to call. First Contact brings together staff from Children and Young People's Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health.

How can I get in touch? First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using any of the following methods:

Telephone: 03000 26 79 79

E-mail: scd@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact

What happens if I call First Contact? When you contact First Contact, you will speak to a trained officer who will work with you to decide the level of response needed. Providing early help to children, young people and their families is their priority.

An Early Help Assessment will be started to help inform the next steps, which may be:

- A referral to preventative services such as One Point, with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional. Giving you appropriate advice and guidance.
- A statutory referral to assessment and interventions teams due to safeguarding concerns, with a 'team around the family' and a named lead professional.

First Contact works to a Single Assessment Framework which can be found on the Durham County Council website.

Ferryhill Summer Fayre

Ferryhill's got talent will once again be making an appearance at this year's Summer Fayre.

Does your child have a hidden talent and want to show it off for the chance to win a prize?

Why not encourage them to take part in Ferryhill's very own talent show at Ferryhill's Summer Fayre on Sunday 8th July 2018 at Mainsforth Sports Complex. All entrants must be under 16 and forms are available from the school office. All application forms MUST be handed into Ferryhill Town Hall by 29th June 2018.

Friends of Dean Bank

The Friends meet every Monday at 9.30am and everyone is welcome to join for coffee and biscuits. This meeting is to discuss fund raising events and how parents and carers can support the school. We have an established committee but would appreciate parents who may just be able to help with specific events or just wish to hear some of the ideas and events already planned.

The Friends will be holding a Summer Fair on Monday 16th July 2018 and are looking for donations, please leave all donations at the school office.

Attendance Figures

Can I remind parents that attendance was highlighted as an issue during the OFSTED inspection and is something which is a priority in school this year. **Children's expected attendance is 96%.**

If your children's attendance is below 90%, you will be invited into school to discuss how we can support you with improving attendance. If attendance is below 95% then school will be contacting you via telephone to see what else we can do to support pupils with their attendance.

Please ensure **all** appointments are made out of school hours (where possible) and that you contact the school office on the first day of absence to notify us of the reasons for absences, and the expected date of return. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

15th June 2018 ~ 21st June 2018

Little Learners	Busy Bees	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
88.24	93.14	92.14	95.22	96.96	96.90	87.89	96.80	80.00

Please note: From September 2018 **ALL** parents will be expected to complete a Leave of Absence form for **ALL** appointments made during the school day.

Although we have seen some improvement in attendance we are still working on improving this further. If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat, School Attendance Officer.

School Uniform

We have several children who are not coming to school in their uniform. Can I just remind parents that I am very flexible with where parents buy uniform from and do not expect parents to pay for school jumpers with logo etc. but I do expect all parents to provide pupils with uniforms which adhere to our policy. Pupils must have:

- grey or black trousers or skirts / red or blue summer dresses
- a red polo shirt
- a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- all black shoes or black trainers

If children are not adhering to this then parents will get be contacted by text to bring replacements items.

Please note: children MUST have appropriate haircuts/styles, this does not include the latest trend of shapes and stars.

PE Kit can be purchased from the school office in preparation for September 2018. A t-shirt costs £3.00, shorts cost £3.00 or you can purchase both for £5.00.

Free School Meal Entitlement

The regulations for Free School Meals changed on the 1st April 2018. If you claim any of the following benefits you may be eligible to claim a Free School Meal:

- Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400.
- Income support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.)
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Application Forms can be obtained from the school office. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence. Though some children prefer to bring in a 'packed lunch', it is important that all those entitled to a free school meal are registered. **Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to inform school if there are changes to your claim.**

Dates for your diary



June 2018	
Friday 22 nd June 2018	Year 4 Festival for Food
25 th June 2018 – 29 th June 2018	Sports Week
Monday 25 th June 2018	In School Cricket Festival
Tuesday 26 th June 2018	Primary Olympics
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Go-givers celebration event
Friday 29 th June 2018	Armed Force Day – Ferryhill Town Hall
Friday 29 th June 2018	Sponsored Skip Event
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd July 2018	Year 5 Taster Day
Thursday 5 th July 2018	Year 3 and 4 Sports Skills
Friday 6 th July 2018	Reports to Parents
Monday 9 th July 2018	FBEC Transition Day
Tuesday 10 th July 2018	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Wednesday 11 th July 2018	Time Tables Challenge
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Year 5 and 6 visit to Beamish
Thursday 12 th July 2018	Parental Consultation Evening
Friday 13 th July 2018	Non-Uniform Day - wear something yellow for Marie Curie
Friday 13 th July 2018	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 13 th July 2018	Sports Day
Monday 16 th July 2018	Friends of Dean Bank Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Whole School Educational Visit
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 20 th July 2018	School closes for the Summer Holidays
September 2018	
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	School re-opens for the Autumn Term